



CUMBRIA
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LEARNING

Growing disciples for mission

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“My role as a Distinctive Deacon, is to serve the community but particularly those on the margins. In a rural community such as mine, these would be the sick, frail, elderly, lonely, bereaved, or anyone who needs help in any way. It is important to meet them where they are both spiritually and physically. To remind them of God’s love for everyone, and making God possible in their lives.

This also includes people who do not attend church but would like to talk about their beliefs or who have questions they want to ask but do not know where to go for their answers. This can happen anywhere; whilst out shopping, taking the children to school or simply having a coffee in the local café. We are here to serve, not to be served.

Jesus went out to serve his people, and we must follow his example.

As a Distinctive Deacon I also assist the priest at eucharist services, lead worship, perform and prepare for baptisms. I also take funeral services, visiting before hand and visiting and supporting the bereaved after the funeral. In the near future I shall be trained to take marriage services.

My calling by God has given me such incredible and wonderful opportunities that I could never have dreamed of. I urge anyone who is feeling called to follow their heart and listen to what God is calling you to do in his name.”



God for All: By 2020 every person in Cumbria of all ages and backgrounds will have had an opportunity to discover more of God and God’s purpose for their life